

Missouri State Library

Show Me *Express*

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Show Me Express features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

FY2012 State Aid & Trustee Forms Available on Web

Each year, public libraries must certify their local tax levy to qualify to receive funds as state aid for library services. The forms needed for each type of library district, and for listing of library trustees are now available on the [Missouri State Library Web site](#).

Public library directors have received these forms directly through email. Instructions for completing the forms are also posted to the website. If your library has not received these forms, or if you have questions, please contact Barbara Reading at Barbara.Reading@sos.mo.gov or 800-325-0131 ext.4. The forms are **due June 30**, for certification to receive state aid in FY12, which begins July 1, 2011.

Public Libraries Search and Compare Tools Updated

The tools provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to search for or compare public libraries have been updated with fiscal year 2009 Public Library Survey data. Library statistics users can utilize the [Search for Public Libraries tool](#) to quickly review income, expenditures, collection and services data for a particular library. The [Compare Public Libraries tool](#) will afford users the opportunity to analyze data sets built from a comparison group of library systems throughout the country. See the [article](#) on WebJunction-Missouri for more information.

These tools are provided by IMLS for public use of the data collected annually via the Public Library Survey. If there are questions or assistance needed with either of these tools, contact Katina Jones, Statistical Research Analyst, at 800-325-0131, ext. 12 or katina.jones@sos.mo.gov.

New Public Library District Formed in Taney County

On May 2, the County Commissioners unanimously declared the formation of the Taney County Public Library District. Currently, Taney County is served by three, independent private libraries located in Branson, Forsyth, and Rockaway Beach. These

libraries are staffed by volunteers, and supported by donations and fundraisers. Over a year ago, a citizens group began work to establish a county-wide tax-supported public library district. With the declaration by the County Commission, a five-member library board will be appointed. This board will have the authority to ask voters to approve a levy to fund the district. Taney County, in southwest Missouri, is the only first class county in the state with no tax-supported library service.

GED and Workplace Preparedness Resources Available

Kansas City Public Television (KCPT) offers the *GED Connection* and *Workplace Essential Skills* videos, made possible through a statewide license purchased by the Missouri State Library from Kentucky Educational Television. *GED Connection* is a study and practice series for the GED test, while *Workplace Essential Skills* offers a brush-up on basic work skills, such as math, reading and communication, as well as resume and interviewing tips. Missouri residents can register on the [Learning Center](#) page on the KCPT Website to view the two series via streaming video from their personal computers.

Both of these series are also available in DVD format with accompanying workbooks to libraries around the state. To obtain the DVDs and workbooks email Ann.Roberts@sos.mo.gov or contact the Missouri State Library at 800-325-0131, ext. 5.

NOTE: KCPT has recently added another educational series to the Learning Center page, called *Financial Fitness*. This series is also available to any Missouri resident once they register through the [Learning Center](#) page.

To be placed on the e-mail list **to receive *Show Me Express***, you may [subscribe online now](#), e-mail sharla.lair@sos.mo.gov or contact the Missouri State Library at 800-325-0131, ext. 16.

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